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SUBJECT: UNREST IN QUITO

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1. ALTHOUGH THE ATMOSPHERE IN QUITO SEEMS SUPERFICIALLY NORMAL, WITH MOST SHOPS AND BUSINESSES OPEN AND TRAFFIC FLOWING FREELY IN THE STREETS, THE TRANSPORT SHUTDOWN FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S STUDENT ATTACKS ON BUSES HAS CLEARLY HAD ITS EFFECT.

2. FACED WITH AN UNCERTAIN SECURITY SITUATION, THE NATIONWIDE CHAUFFEUR'S FEDERATION CALLED A GENERAL SHUTDOWN OF TRANSPORTATION BEGINNING AT 1 P.M., JANUARY 6. BUSES, TAXIS, TRUCKS, AND OTHER FORMS OF LAND TRANSPORTATION ARE AFFECTED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LEADERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION UNIONS ARE CURRENTLY MEETING WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE WHERE TO GO NEXT. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGN OF ANY WILLINGNESS TO BACK DOWN ON THE RISE IN BUS FARES (FROM 4 CENTS TO 5 CENTS)

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WHICH SET OFF THE CURRENT WAVE OF UNREST.

3. SO FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, THERE HAS BEEN NO REPETITION TODAY OF YESTERDAY'S VIOLENCE WHICH RESULTED IN BURNING TIRES IN STREETS, SETTING FIRE TO SEVERAL CARS, AND SMASHING WINDOWS OF BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES. TRANSPORT WORKERS HAVE, HOWEVER, THREATENED TO TOTALLY SHUT THE COUNTRY DOWN TOMORROW (JANUARY 7), INCLUDING THE PROMISE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ANY VEHICLES ON THE ROADS. THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENTS FEDERATION HAS PLEDGED STUDENT OPPOSITION UNTIL THE RATE IS LOWERED AND IN AN INTERVIEW ON TV ASKED THE PUBLIC TO SUFFER SHORT-TERM INCONVENIENCE IN ORDER TO HAVE GOOD CHEAP TRANSPORT IN THE FUTURE.

4. THERE IS, AS YET, NO INDICATION HOW THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO DEAL WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION.  
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